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Ellinger et al.

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For: INTERACTION DETECTION ON
SEVERAL PROBE ARRAYS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Communication is in response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, a response being due April 30, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a Two Month Extension Petition resetting the deadline to June 30, 2006. The Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-25 and 52-58, drawn to probe arrays.
- II. Claim 26, drawn to a method of array production.
- III. Claims 27-35, drawn to in situ synthesis of an array.
- IV. Claims 36-41 drawn to quality control methods.

V. Claims 42-51, drawn to methods for detection of target molecules.

VI. Claims 59 and 60, drawn to methods of production of monomer building blocks; and

VII. Claim 61, drawn to nucleoside composition.

In response, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-25 and 52-58. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications corresponding to the non-elected claims. In addition, in the event that the elected claims of group I are deemed allowable, Applicants reserve the right to rejoin any non-elected claims that depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowable claims in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

In the event that any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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